

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 USUN N 00103 140149Z

16

ACTION IO-11

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 JUSE-00 SCCT-01 SY-05 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01

PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 FBIE-00 AF-06 ARA-06 EA-07

EUR-12 OMB-01 A-01 OPR-02 USSS-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /109 W

----- 083883

R 140116Z JAN 76

FM USMISSION USUN NY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5341

INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

USINT BAGHDAD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE USUN 0103

DEPT PASS JUSTICE - FRANK NILAND AND JAMES ROBINSON
(GENERAL CRIMES)

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, IZ

SUBJ: DISCOVERY OF PIPE BOMBS AT IRAQI UN MISSION

1. AT 11:40 PM, JANUARY 12, 1976, NEW YORK CITY POLICE
LOCATED TWO BOMBS AT IRAQI MISSION, AFTER A WARNING
TELEPHONE CALL TO CHANNEL 2 NEWS AT 11:08 PM. THE MALE CALLER
PINPOINTED LOCATION OF BOMBS AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF
AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF "JEWISH UNDERGROUND ARMY."
UPON ARRIVAL AT IRAQI MISSION, POLICE EVACUATED SEVEN PERSONS
AMONG WHOM WERE A CARETAKER, HIS WIFE, AND THREE CHILDREN.

2. BOMBS WERE DISMANTLED BY POLICE EMERGENCY BOMB SQUAD AND
REMOVED TO POLICE FIRING RANGE FOR EXAMINATION. BOMBS CONSISTED
OF TWO SIX-INCH LONG PIPES, ABOUT 1 1/2 INCHES IN DIAMETER
AND CAPPED AT BOTH ENDS. EACH PIPE WAS WIRED TO A BATTERY
DETONATING CIRCUIT TIMED BY CLOCKS WHICH HAD TAPE PASTED OVER
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 USUN N 00103 140149Z

THE FACES APPARENTLY TO PREVENT DISMANTLERS FROM DETERMINING

WHAT TIME THEY WERE SET TO GO OFF. BOMBS WERE WRAPPED IN BLACK PLASTIC SHEETING AND PLACED IN A LARGE SHOPPING BAG WHICH WAS PROPPED AGAINST A DOOR LEADING TO BUILDING'S BASEMENT IN ALLEY BELOW STREET LEVEL.

3. DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS JANUARY 13, VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA, INCLUDING NEW YORK POST, NEW YORK TIMES, AND NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, RECEIVED CALLS FROM UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS, CLAIMING TO REPRESENT "JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE STRIKE MOVEMENT" AND CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBS. (A JDL SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS HAVING DESCRIBED THE JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE STRIKE MOVEMENT AS AN OFFSHOOT BUT NOT A PART OF JDL, ALTHOUGH HE SAID MANY OF ITS MEMBERS TRAINED IN A JDL CAMP IN THE CATSKILLS.) IN A CALL MADE AFTER BOMBS WERE LOCATED AT IRAQI MISSION, REPUTED "ARMY" SPOKESMAN SAID DEVICES HAD BEEN PLANTED" TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT IF THE UN SUPPORTS MURDERERS AND TERRORISTS, THEY MAY EXPECT TO BE THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISTS AND ... TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS DESTROYING THE STATE OF ISRAEL." JDL SPOKESMAN, WHILE DISAVOWING THAT ORGANIZATION'S ROLE IN THE INCIDENT, IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID: "WE APPLAUD THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING, BECAUSE IT HIGHLIGHTS OUR OWN POSITION THAT THERE IS NO PALESTINE AND THERE ARE NO PALESTINIANS. NO UN RESOLUTION CAN AFFECT THE JEWISH RIGHT TO ALL OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL, AS PROMISED BY GOD IN THE BIBLE ... WE WISH GOD'S BLESSING UPON THE PROUD JEWS WHO LEFT THE EXPLOSIVES AT THE UN. WE KNOW WHY THEY DID. A UN THAT HAS SHOWN A CONTEMPT FOR DECENCY AND A HIGH REGARD FOR BARBARISM WILL ONLY UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE OF TERROR."

4. NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND FBI ARE CONDUCTING A JOINT INVESTIGATION OF THE BOMBS FOUND AT IRAQI MISSION AND OF THOSE FOUND AT UN MORNING OF JANUARY 12. FBI INFORMED USUN THEY BELIEVE JDL IS INVOLVED IN BOTH INCIDENTS.

5. AT USUN'S REQUEST, NEW YORK CITY POLICE HAVE ESTABLISHED A 24-HOUR FIXED POST AT IRAQI MISSION. IN ADDITION, "SPECIAL ATTENTION" IS PROVIDED RESIDENCE OF AMB AL-SHAIKHLY CONSISTING OF A PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF THE AREA ONCE EACH HOUR ON ALL TOURS BY A ROVING POLICE CAR ASSIGNED SOLELY TO COVERING DIPLOMATIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 USUN N 00103 140149Z

ESTABLISHMENTS.

6. IRAQI MISSION, IN REQUESTING COVERAGE OF AMB AL-SHAIKHLY'S RESIDENCE, ADVISED HE HAD CALLED FROM LONDON AND WAS EXPECTED IN NEW YORK EITHER JANUARY 14 OR 15.
MOYNIHAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BOMBING, EMBASSIES, THREATS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976USUNN00103
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760013-0355
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760156/aaaabxxr.tel
Line Count: 113
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 MAY 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <13 MAY 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DISCOVERY OF PIPE BOMBS AT IRAQI UN MISSION
TAGS: PINS, IZ
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006